

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Scott O. Seydel, et al.

Serial No.: 09/549,647

Filed: April 14, 2000

For: Enzyme-Containing Granule And  
Detergent Composition

Examiner: John R. Hardee

Group No.: 1751

Docket No.: 032785.00046  
(SYC28C)

Attention: Office of Petitions  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box DAC  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF A PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF APPLICATION OF  
PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

I, William D. Lee, Jr., of Greenville, South Carolina hereby declare:

- (1) That I am a Patent Attorney registered to practice before the United States Trademark Office and that I am employed by the Intellectual Property Group of the McNair Law Firm in Greenville, South Carolina;
- (2) That a patent application for which I have responsibility is the one identified above;
- (3) That our Washington associate prosecuting this case for us was unable to secure a favorable response from the Patent Examiner after a final rejection;

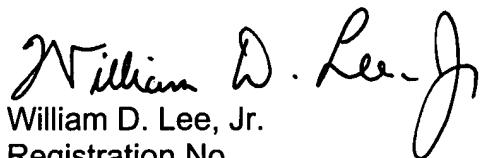
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- (4) That the associate was not able to obtain a decision from the client until April 15, 2002, on whether or not to file a CPA application, an appeal, or to drop the application;
- (5) That upon receiving the decision I instructed Ms. Shirley Hirsch, whose Declaration accompanies this Declaration, to prepare a Continued Prosecution Application;
- (6) That, as shown in Ms. Hirsch's Declaration, the delay in filing this application on its due date of April 22, 2002, was unintentionally delayed;
- (7) That upon discovery that this application had become abandoned, this petition was prepared to revive the application;
- (8) That enclosed herewith are the proposed response to the file Office Action which is a Continued Prosecution Application, the filing fee for the Continued Prosecution Application, the Extension fees required, and the fee for this Petition;
- (9) That this Petition was prepared and promptly filed upon discovery of the unintentional delay; and,
- (10) That no deceptive intent nor detriment to the public occurs by declaring this delay unintentional and allowing prosecution to continue in this case.

I, William D. Lee, Jr., do hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge

that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Respectfully submitted,



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